

One Hundred Twelfth Congress
of the
United States of America

AT THE SECOND SESSION

*Begun and held at the City of Washington on Tuesday,
the third day of January, two thousand and twelve*

An Act

To strike the word “lunatic” from Federal law, and for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of
the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “21st Century Language Act of 2012”.

SEC. 2. MODERNIZATION OF LANGUAGE REFERRING TO PERSONS WHO ARE MENTALLY ILL.

(a) WORDS DENOTING NUMBER, GENDER, AND SO FORTH.—Section 1 of title 1, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking “and ‘lunatic’”; and

(2) by striking “lunatic.”.

(b) BANKING LAW PROVISIONS.—

(1) TRUST POWERS.—The first section of the Act entitled “An Act to place authority over the trust powers of national banks in the Comptroller of the Currency”, approved September 28, 1962 (12 U.S.C. 92a), is amended—

(A) in subsection (a), by striking “committee of estates of lunatics,”; and

(B) in subsection (j), by striking “committee of estates of lunatics”.

(2) CONSOLIDATION AND MERGERS OF BANKS.—The National Bank Consolidation and Merger Act (12 U.S.C. 215 et seq.) is amended—

(A) in section 2 (12 U.S.C. 215)—

(i) in subsection (e), by striking “receiver, and committee of estates of lunatics” and inserting “and receiver”; and

(ii) in subsection (f), by striking “receiver, or committee of estates of lunatics” and inserting “or receiver”; and

(B) in section 3 (12 U.S.C. 215a)—

(i) in subsection (e), by striking “receiver, and committee of estates of lunatics” and inserting “and receiver”; and

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(ii) in subsection (f), by striking “receiver, or committee of estates of lunatics” and inserting “or receiver”.

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

*Vice President of the United States and
President of the Senate.*